



Lab volunteers donate enough blood to save 93 lives

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Feb. 12 marked the first Laboratory blood drive in years — and it was a success. Held in conjunction with our nonprofit partner Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services), the drive garnered interest as soon as it was announced.

“All our appointment slots filled up within two hours, which assured me we are doing good work that people want to be a part of,” says organizer Selena Valencia. “We’re making a difference in tackling the state-wide shortage of blood.”

Laboratory volunteers donated 31 units of blood — enough to save 93 lives.

Future chances to give blood

Looking ahead, the plan is to schedule future drives every three months, with the possibility of drives being held more frequently if they meet with the same positive response as the first one.

“Our friends at Sandia National Labs host a blood drive every week,” Valencia says. “I can definitely see Los Alamos National Laboratory getting there in the future. We have a healthy population of employees here from across the region who want to donate. It just makes sense.”

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Vitalant provides blood and special services to patients in more than 1,000 hospitals across 40 states.

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